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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3969**
Kazuhiko MATSUMURA et al. : Docket No. 2003_1003A
Serial No. 10/628,394 : Group Art Unit 1626
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: